

Wynola Water District
Board of Directors
Special Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
The Dyos Residence
1546 Oakforest, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

- I. Meeting called to order by Director Bernard at 9:00 a. m.
- II. Roll call – Directors present: Malcolm Dyos, Ray Mitchell, Pete Miller and Jo Ann Bernard. Director Troy Beatty was absent. Office Manager Marie Beatty was absent. Guests present: Charley Woods, Tom McDonough, Bob Gans, Norm and Chip Bild, Jack McMahan, Bill Stovall, Dee Miller and Co-Lee Grev.
- III. Special Meeting Agenda was approved by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Miller.
- IV. A history of the Wynola Water District was presented by Bill Stovall and Jack McMahan.

In 1976, Bill Stovall was President of WWD. During his term, Unit 1 was established and Units 2 and 3 were being developed. The Pump House was constructed. The roads were not paved and County Services 16 managed them. The CCR's were developed. Water Availability and Water Meter Fees were initiated. Jack McMahan reported that in 1977, the cost of a Lot was \$12,000. There was an active spring on Springview. Wells #2, 3 and 5 were the only pumping wells. In 1980, we had 62 inches of rain and our normal average is 42-50 inches. A second storage tank (42,000) was added to the existing 65,000 gallon tank and four new well were activated. Bob Franke began collecting and monitoring water usage for WWD. The diesel emergency generator was installed. In 1981, John Minech was elected President.
- V. The current status of the WWD was presented by Director Mitchell. The Pump House has been re-plumbed. The infrastructure is working well. Well #9 produces 90 gallons per minute and Well #11 produces 70 gallons per minute. Five wells are in current use: #3, 7, 9, 10 and 11. A future issue involves the continued maintenance of the water distribution system.
- VI. The meeting was turned over to Director Malcolm Dyos who proceeded to define the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities for the Future of the WWD. Options to resolve the threats were also discussed.

VII. **GOALS**

- to manage and operate the WWD as a volunteer water utility district
- to have continuity of water supply with low rates over a 20 year planning period

VIII. **STRENGTHS**

- current system is in excellent condition
- good financial reserves
- no major capital expansion projects projected
- cash flow is in balance/no debt
- low delinquency in bill payments by residents
- excellent water table with 40 inches of rain annually
- little expansion in water demand foreseen
- strong Board, water watchers and meter readers
- good relationship with w/contractors, regulatory agencies and residents
- strong knowledge basis for system operations

IX. **WEAKNESSES**

- lack of participation by community residents (less than 20% interest)
- aging of current Board, water watchers and meter readers
- barriers to election to Board
- low budget and income for small utility (\$51,000/year)
- weak communications with all residents
- knowledge basis not being updated and passed on to new members
- operational costs based on 71 households

X. **OPPORTUNITIES**

- have 3-5 years to put plan in place (20 year plan)
- future supply and demand is predictable

XI. **THREATS**

- lack of volunteers will have major impact on WWD
- poor water supply will impact property values
- system knowledge is in the hands of a few older people
- unfunded mandates from regulatory agencies
- maintenance of system could be in jeopardy

XII. OPTIONS TO RESOLVE THREATS

- aggressively market WWD needs to community residents
- combine with other water districts
- hire a management company to operate water district
- allow County to assume responsibility for water district
- do nothing

XIII. A proposal was made to address option #1 by actively recruiting new community residents for the maintenance tasks of the WWD. The proposal motion was made by Director Bernard and seconded by Director Mitchell. A certified letter developed by Director Bernard and Director Dyos will be sent out to all residents indicating our need for their assistance. The letter will present the data from the special meeting and attempt to build a sense of community.

XIV. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next regular Board meeting is July 21, 2012 at the Gans residence, 1634 Oakforest at 9:00 a.m.